red Question 1229 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1996 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision about the manner in which the interest amount accrued on MPLADS funds is to be utilized;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider allowing the interest accrued to be credited to MPLADS funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGENDER KUMAR ALAGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government is considering the issue of utilisation of interest accrued on MPLADS funds.

Implementation of P.M.'s package programmes

651. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the package programmes announced by the Prime Minister in the country date-wise alongwith amounts and the beneficiary States;

(b) the implementation of how many of them has been started and how many are yet to be implemented; and

(c) the subjects on which stress has been given under the said package programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Announcements have been made by the Prime Minister recently regarding various programmes/schemes/ projects for the economic development of the Seven North Eastern States *viz.*, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and the State of Jammu & Kashmir. The details of the New Initiatives announced for the North Eastern States by the Prime Minister on 27th October, 1996 were placed in the House in reply to unstarred question No. 1292 on 4th December, 1996. As regards J & K, the Prime Minister had made announcements on the Floor of Parliament on 23rd July, 1996 and 2nd August, 1996. A further statement was made by the Prime Minister regarding J & K during his visit to Jammu on 14th February, 1997. A copy of the statement made on 14th February, 1997 is at Annexure. *[Appendix 180, Annexure No. 11]*

(b) and (c) The details regarding implementation of various programmes/ schemes etc. for North Eastern States and J&K are enclosed at annexure. *[See Appendix 180, Annexure No 12]* The stress under these programmes/schemes/ projects has been on building economic and social infrastructure.

Dues of Central Power Sector Undertakings from SEBs

652. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the state-wise break-up of the dues of Central Government PSU from the State Governments and State Electricity Boards for the year 1996-97;

(b) the state-wise figures of Central Plan Assistance to State Governments in 1996-97;

(c) what is the procedure of deductions and the amount to be deducted in each year from 1997-98 onwards; and

(d) the means explored to make up the losses incurred by the NTPC in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) A Statement indicating the outstanding dues

of the Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Power from the State Governments and the State Electricity Boards as on 31st December, 1996 is enclosed at Annexure [*See Appendix 180, Annexure No. 13*].

(b) The State-wise figures of the Central Plan Assistance payable to the State Governments during 1996-97 are enclosed as statement (*See* below).

(c) Government of India has taken a decision to deduct the outstandings dues, as on November/December, 1996 of Public Sector Undertakings under Ministries of Power, Railways, Coal and Department of Atomic Energy through Central Appropriation, upto a maximum of 15% of the Central Plan Assistance payable to the State Governments annually.

(d) The means explored to make up the losses incurred by the NTPC due to non-payment of these dues include deduction from the Central Plan Assistance, opening of irrevocable Letters of Credit by the SEBs with the Corporation and requesting the SEBs/ State Government for early clearance of the dues both by the Corporation and the Government of India.

Statement

Dues of Central Power Sector Undertakings from SEBs

Statement indicating the state-wise figures of Central Plan Assistance to State Governments during 1996-97

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Amount (Rs. crores)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	918.02
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	445.35
3.	Assam	1100.50
4.	Bihar	1258.07
5.	Goa	60.89
6.	Gujarat	383.66
7.	Haryana	227.45
8.	Himachal Pradesh	459.87
9.	J&K	1124.78
10.	Karnataka	443.24
11.	Kerala	485.08
12.	Madhya Pradesh	823.33
13.	Maharashtra	667.02
14.	Manipur	316.30
15.	Meghalaya	264.37
16.	Mizoram	263.37
17.	Nagaland	270.02
18.	Orissa	515.60
19.	Punjab	238.51
20.	Rajasthan	570.94
21.	Sikkim	188.33
22.	Tamil Nadu	752.50
23.	Tripura	336.59
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1841.41
25.	West Bengal	859.59
	TOTAL	14814.32

Power failure in Delhi

653. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been frequent power failures in Delhi during the last three severe cold months;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures are being taken to supply uninterrupted power in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Frequent power failure during last 3 months in Delhi were due to following reasons:

i. Gap in demand and supply of power and tendency of all constituents of Northern States to over draw power from the grid resulting in grid disturbances.